

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 16 to 27, with claims 22 and 27 indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. For reasons set forth below, it will be seen that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

With regard to amendment to claim 16, support is evident from page 9, line 14 of the specification.

With regard to the rejection of claim 26 as indefinite, it has been clarified by the above amendment.

Further, the bullet points in the claim have been deleted.

Claims 16, 19 to 21 and 23 to 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham (U.S. 4,002,599 A) in view of Gardner (U.S. 4,808,652 A) and Maddox et al. (U.S. 2002/0132059 A1).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As noted by the Official Action in paragraphs 9 and 10, Graham does not teach or suggest systems curable by irradiation.

Further, the rejection has not been made against claim 27 which recites specific types of irradiation.

Accordingly, this rejection on prior art is untenable and should be withdrawn.

Claims 17 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham, Gardner, and Maddox, as applied to claim 16 above, and further in view of Klingier (EP 0 261 890 A2).

This rejection is also respectfully traversed.


As indicated above, Graham does not teach or suggest systems curable by irradiation. Since the rejected claims contain the feature of irradiation, it is apparent that this rejection is untenable and should be withdrawn.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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